

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
LOK SABHA**

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Organic Farming in NER

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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has announced a programme focusing on organic farming for North Eastern Region :
(b) If so, the details thereof; and
(c) the progress made in this regard along with the funds allocated for this purpose, State-wise?

Answer

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
[Dr. Jitendra Singh]

(a) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has launched a Scheme titled "Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region" for the eight North Eastern States in 2015-16.

(b) The scheme aims at development of certified organic production in a value chain mode to link growers with consumers and to support the development of entire value chain starting from inputs, seeds, certification, to the creation of facilities for collection, aggregation, processing, marketing and brand building initiative. The scheme has been approved with an outlay of Rs. 400 crore for three years.

The assistance is provided for cluster development, on/off farm input production, supply of seeds/ planting materials, setting up of functional infrastructure, establishment of integrated processing unit, refrigerated transportation, pre-cooling /cold stores chamber, branding labeling and packaging, hiring of space, hand holdings, organic certification through third party, mobilization of farmers/processors etc.

(c) As per available information, during 2015-16, an amount of Rs. 112.11 crore has been released to the States. In the current year (2016-17), total expenditure incurred is Rs 32.07 crore, Rs.31.02 crore have been released to the States during the current year. The progress along with fund allocation state-wise under this scheme is given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

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| S. No. | States | No. of Farmers Producers Company | Area covered in ha | Amount released in 2015-16 | Amount released in 2016-17 |
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| 1. | Assam | 10 5000 | 2207.32 | 231.98 | |
| 2. | Manipur | 10 5000 | 803.73 | 370.69 | |
| 3. | Meghalaya | 12 6000 | 1293.22 | -- | |
| 4. | Nagaland | 12 6000 | 627.86 | 798.88 | |
| 5. | Mizoram | 14 7000 | 913.34 | 969.09 | |
| 6. | Arunachal Pradesh | 10 5000 | 779.31 | 522.65 | |
| 7. | Sikkim | 28 14000 | 4216.08 | -- | |
| 8. | Tripura | 4 2000 | 370.13 | 208.45 | |
| | Total | 100 50000 | 11210.99 | 3101.74 | |

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